

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

HB 2229 - SB 2166

March 26, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases from \$15.00 to \$30.00 per day the amount that supervisors receive for district soil conservation board meetings attendance. Authorizes conservation districts to enter into agreements to improve traditional areas of farm production and to encourage diversification and innovative farming operations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 16, 2007 we issued a fiscal not on this bill which indicated *an increase in state expenditures of \$85,000 to the Agriculture Resources and Conservation Funds*. The estimated fiscal impact for the bill is:

(Corrected)

**Increase State Expenditures - \$85,500 /Agriculture Resources
and Conservation Funds**

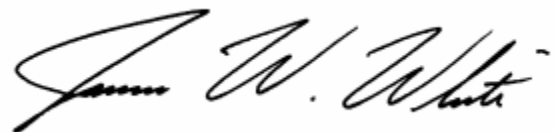
**(Funding of \$85,500 is included in the Governor's FY07-08 Recommended
Budget)**

Assumptions:

- Increase in per diem (from \$15 to \$30) will be funded through an existing grant made to each district by the Department of Agriculture from the Agriculture Resources and Conservation Funds (ARCF).
- The increased per diem represents an additional expenditure from the ARCF. Although the amount of the existing grant will not increase, the increased per diem cost will prevent a portion of this grant from being used for other purposes.
- County boards have five members (\$15 x 5 members x 12 meetings per year x 95 counties = \$85,500).
- ARCF is funded by 1.5 cents of the state realty transfer tax appropriated to the Department of Agriculture.
- The cost of promoting diversification and innovative farming operations is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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